

I beg to lay ;

Notification No. HD 28 PES 77 dated 23rd May, 1978
The Karnataka Excise (Denatured spirit and Denatured
spiritous (Preparations) (Amendment) Rules, 1978
under sub-section (4) of Section 71 of the Karnataka Excise
Act, 1965.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Papers are laid.

Leave of Absence to Sri F. S. Patil grant of

MR. SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri F. S. Patil, Member, Legislative Assembly, requesting for leave of absence for further period from 17th July, 1978 to 22nd July, 1978.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to remain absent from 17th July, 1978 to 22nd July, 1978 ?

HON. MEMBERS.—Yes.

MR. SPEAKER.—Permission to remain absent is granted.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 312

re : demands of Hatti Gold Mines Workers and also relay hunger strike,

† SRI C. M. ARUMUGHUM (K.G.F.).—I wish to raise a matter under rule 315 regarding the Charter of demands of Hatti Gold Mines Workers and also the relay hunger strike since 23-6-1978.

The Workers of Hatti Gold Mines numbering about 3400 are on relay hunger strike from 23rd June, 1978. In Sympathy to their demands for wage revision, the President of Village Panchayat, the T.D.B. Members, Lawyers and ladies are participating in this relay hunger strike. The pay structure of the workers of the Hatti Gold Mines are like this :

There are 652 workers who are working in surface are getting Rs. 204 plus annual increment of Rs. 4/- and the Maximum comes to Rs. 230/- or so.

There are 1144 workers who are underground workers are getting Rs. 216/- per month and an annual increment of Rs. 4/-. They reach the maximum of Rs. 240 after 6 years of service,